

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS21401**

This legislation implements one of the recommendations of the 2011 Public School Technology Task Force. Specifically, the recommendation that the State create a web-based clearinghouse of approved online courses, accessible to students, parents and schools. Such a clearinghouse would provide information on available courses, including quality ratings provided by those who have taken the course previously. Such a website will enable parents and schools to make more informed decisions about which online courses students take, and will help create competition among course providers for higher quality.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

No fiscal impact to the General Fund. The legislation allows up to \$500,000 to be expended from the approximately \$8.5 million in existing Public School Technology funds in FY 2013, in order to create the web-based clearinghouse. This allocation is then reduced to \$150,000 in future fiscal years.

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